

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An overcap for assembly to a container closure plug comprising:

a top portion defining a pair of ~~weakened score lines~~ living hinge strips partitioning said top portion into a center section and first and second outer sections;

a surrounding sidewall;

a pair of oppositely-positioned flange sections in unitary connection with said surrounding sidewall, one flange section being connected by a portion of said sidewall to said first outer section and the other flange section being connected by another portion of said sidewall to said second outer section, said center section being defined by said pair of living hinge strips;

a center post positioned between said pair of living hinge strips and being in unitary connection with said center section, said center post axially extending from said center section and being constructed and arranged for assembly to said closure plug; and

tamper-evident means for providing a visual indication of an attempt to remove said overcap from said container closure plug, said tamper-evident means including a first pin in unitary connection with said first outer section and a second pin in unitary connection with said second outer section, said first and second pins being constructed and arranged for receipt by said container closure plug.

2. (Original) The overcap of claim 1 wherein said center post includes a series of external threads.

3. (Currently amended) The overcap of claim 2 wherein said tamper-evident means includes a raised portion integral with said top portion, said raised portion extending across said pair of ~~weakened score lines~~ living hinge strips.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The overcap of claim [[5]] 3 wherein the site of connection of each ~~pin of said pair of unitary~~ of said first and second pins to its corresponding outer section includes a web section that is constructed and arranged to break open upon bending of the corresponding pin.

7. (Currently amended) The overcap of claim 1 wherein said tamper-evident means includes a raised portion integral with said top portion, said raised portion extending across said pair of ~~weakened score lines~~ living hinge strips.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The overcap of claim [[9]] 7 wherein the site of connection of each ~~pin of said pair of unitary~~ of said first and second pins to its corresponding outer section includes a web section that is constructed and arranged to break open upon bending of the corresponding pin.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The overcap of claim [[12]] 1 wherein the site of connection of each ~~pin of said pair of unitary~~ of said first and second pins to its corresponding outer section includes a web section that is constructed and arranged to break open upon bending of the corresponding pin.

14. (Currently amended) A container closure assembly comprising:
a closure plug constructed and arranged to assemble to an outlet opening of a container to close off said outlet opening;
a sealing gasket constructed and arranged to be positioned between said container and said closure plug; and
an overcap constructed and arranged for assembly to said closure plug, said overcap including:

a top portion defining a pair of ~~weakened score lines~~ living hinge strips partitioning said top portion into a center section and first and second outer sections;

a surrounding sidewall;

a pair of oppositely-positioned flange sections in unitary connection with said surrounding sidewall, one flange section being connected by a portion of said sidewall to said first outer section and the other flange section being connected by another portion of said sidewall to said second outer section, said center section being defined by said pair of living hinge strips;

a center post positioned between said pair of living hinge strips and being in unitary connection with said center section, said center post axially extending from said center section and being constructed and arranged for assembly to said closure plug; and

tamper-evident means for providing a visual indication of an attempt to remove said overcap from said container closure plug, said tamper-evident means including a first pin in unitary connection with said first outer section and a second pin in unitary connection with said second outer section, said first and second pins being constructed and arranged for receipt by said container closure plug.

15. (Original) The container closure assembly of claim 14 wherein said center post includes a series of external threads.

16. (Original) The container closure assembly of claim 15 wherein said closure plug includes a series of internal threads that are constructed and arranged to receive said series of external threads with a snap-on engagement.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (Currently amended) The container closure assembly of claim [[19]] 16 wherein the site of connection of each ~~pin of said pair of unitary~~ of said first and second pins to its corresponding outer section includes a web section that is constructed and arranged to break open upon bending of the corresponding pin.

21. (New) The container closure of claim 14 wherein the site of connection of each of said first and second pins to its corresponding outer section includes a web section that is constructed and arranged to break open upon bending of the corresponding pin.

22. (New) An overcap for assembly to a container closure plug comprising:
a top portion defining a pair of living hinge strips partitioning said top portion into a center section and first and second outer sections;
a surrounding sidewall;
a pair of oppositely-positioned flange sections in unitary connection with said surrounding sidewall, one flange section being connected by a portion of said sidewall to said first outer section and the other flange section being connected by another portion of said sidewall to said second outer section, said center section being defined by said pair of living hinge strips;

a center post positioned between said pair of living hinge strips and being in unitary connection with said center section, said center post axially extending from said center section and being constructed and arranged for assembly to said closure plug; and

tamper-evident means for providing a visual indication of an attempt to remove said overcap from said closure plug.

23. (New) A container closure assembly comprising:

a closure plug constructed and arranged to assemble to an outlet opening of a container to close off said outlet opening;

a sealing gasket constructed and arranged to be positioned between said container and said closure plug; and

an overcap constructed and arranged for assembly to said closure plug, said overcap including:

a top portion defining a pair of living hinge strips partitioning said top portion into a center section and first and second outer sections;

a surrounding sidewall;

a pair of oppositely-positioned flange sections in unitary connection with said surrounding sidewall, one flange section being connected by a portion of said sidewall to said first outer section and the other flange section being connected by another portion of said sidewall to said second outer section, said center section being defined by said pair of living hinge strips;

a center post positioned between said pair of living hinge strips and being in unitary connection with said center section, said center post axially extending from said center section and being constructed and arranged for assembly to said closure plug; and

tamper-evident means for providing a visual indication of an attempt to remove said overcap from said closure plug.